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SUBJECT: CHITTAGONG PORT PROJECT (BANGLADESH)

REFS: A) MANILA 10191; B) TRSY. 7138; C) TRSY. 7662;
D) DACCA 4588

1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED ADB LOANS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
GRANT FOR CHITTAGONG PORT PROJECT OCTOBER 18. PRESS RELEASE
BEING POUCHED.

2. USADB RAISED POINTS REFS. B AND C. EXPRESSED CONCERN
WITH FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF PORT ADMINISTRATION. RE CONSIDERATION
OF INTERIM TARIFF INCREASE, BANK MANAGEMENT NOTED THAT FEASIBILITY
OF FUTURE PORT EXPANSION EXPECTED MID-1974 AND THAT CONSULTANTS'
RECOMMENDATIONS ON TARIFF ISSUE WOULD BE ADDRESSED IN CONTEXT
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OF ANTICIPATED LOAN FOR PORT EXPANSION. BANK STAFF AWARE OF

DELAYS ON PROGRESS OF CURRENT CIVIL WORKS ON JETTIES AND ASSURED THAT CLOSE ATTENTION WOULD BE PAID TO IMPLEMENTATION OF CIVIL WORKS FOR BANK PROJECT.

3. RE PARA. 6, REF D, BANK STAFF NOTED THAT LIGHT-WEIGHT, NARROW-GAUGE RAIL TRACKS NOT GENERALLY PRODUCED IN U.S. AND EUROPE AND THAT INDIA LIKELY SOURCE. ASIAN REGION (I.E., JAPAN) ALSO LIKELY SOURCE FOR TUGBOAT. USADB BELIEVES BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S. FIRMS FOR THIS PROJECT RELATES TO ENGINEERING SERVICES AND CARGO HANDLING EQUIPMENT, WHICH TO BE FINANCED FROM ORDINARY CAPITAL RESOURCES. RE TRAFFIC PROJECTIONS, STAFF INDICATED THAT INDIA'S TRADE WITH BANGLADESH EXPECTED TO HAVE MAJOR EFFECT ON CHALNA PORT, WHICH USES SAME WIDE-GAUGE RAILS, RATHER THAN CHITTAGONG, WHICH USES NARROW-GAUGE TRACKS.

4. RE PARA 7, REF D, BANK (NOT BORROWER) SELECTS CONSULTING FIRM FOR TA GRANT AND SUBMITS NAMES OF FIRMS TO BE SOLICITED TO BENEFICIARY FOR COMMENT AND STATEMENT OF ANY OBJECTIONS BEFORE INVITATIONS FOR PROPOSALS ARE SENT OUT. SELECTION OF SHORTLISTS CONTAINING FIRMS FROM DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS IS RECOGNIZED BY BANK AS GENERALLY DESIRABLE.

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